

Serial No. 10/687,864  
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### AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract of the application as follows:

A universal decontamination formulation ~~and method~~ is disclosed based on the in situ generation dioxirane(s) under non-corrosive neutral conditions for the neutralization of chemical and biological warfare (CBW) agents. The composition relates to the generation of dioxiranes by mixing a monopersulfate-containing compound in the presence of a ketone in water buffered with a carbonate-type buffer, producing a pH neutral formulation that provides effective reactivity towards CBW agents over a wide range of temperatures.